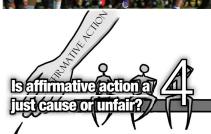
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### Angel Rodriguez leaves men's basketball program

sports editor

For the third time this off-season, a player on the K-State men's basketball team has decided to transfer. This time, however, the Wildcats are losing a starter.

Sophomore point guard Angel Rodriguez has decided to leave to the program, according to head coach Bruce Weber.

"After multiple conversations, Angel feels an obligation to be closer to his family," Weber said. "His mother is raising his two younger brothers all by herself in San Juan and he just wants to be able to see them more often.

This past season, Rodriguez averaged 11.4 points, 5.2 assists and 2.1 rebounds. These numbers were good enough for Rodriguez to be named to the All-big 12 second team. Ro-driguez also started in 50 out of his 65 career games, as well as all but two of the 35 this

Rodriguez said it was a very difficult situation, but at the end of the day, it came down to being home with his family in Puero Rico.

"It is important that everyone understands that this was a really difficult decision," Rodriguez said. "I have really enjoyed my time here, and this decision was based entirely on my family and has nothing do with Kansas State, basketball or the coaching staff. It's unfortunate after the year we just had, but I just feel right now this is the best thing for me and my family. Whether it is the right choice or not, family has and always will be first with me.

Rodriguez will have two years of eligibility left at whichever school he decides to attend, and the Wildcats will have three open scholarships for the 2013-14 basketball season.

Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Sophomore point guard **Angel Rodriguez** goes in for the steal against Baylor's Pierre Jackson on Feb. 16. Rodriguez announced his decision to transfer yesterday, saying he wants to be closer to family. "It is important that everyone understands that this was a really difficult decision," said Rodriguez on Monday.



# K-State, Monsanto partner on wheat



A field of soybeans, irrigated by a pivot system, sits along a road near Wamego. Unlike soybeans, wheat has not become a commercially viable GMO.

Karen Sarita Ingram

Editor's note: This is part two of a two-part series on how Monsanto and GMOs affect farmers and the K-State community.

Monsanto is one of the world's leading producers of genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, and has ties to many public universities,

including K-State. In 2010, K-State and Monsanto struck up a five-year contract to collaborate on research for wheat varieties. Monsanto provided DNA fingerprinting technology to K-State, which allows K-State researchers to more quickly and effectively create new varieties of wheat for farmers. In return, Monsanto gains access to the wheat varieties K-State produc-

es for their own research. "We felt the partnership with Monsanto was in the best interest of Kansas wheat producers," said Gary Pierzynski, professor and head of the department of agronomy. "If we can produce and release wheat varieties faster, that will ben-

efit the wheat producers. Pierzynski was interim dean of the College of Agriculture and interim director of K-State Research and Extension at the time that the deal was made. He said some people expressed concern that the partnership indicated K-State was producing GMO wheat, but this is not the case. There is no commercially marketed GMO wheat anywhere in the world, he said.

'Some people just don't like Monsanto just for the reason that they produce GMOs," Pierzynski

The relationship between corporations, such as Monsanto, and

## Process requires teamwork, technology

Karen Sarita Ingram

K-State retains right to collaborate with other institutions on research

Wheat contains more than 90,000 genes, making it roughly five times larger than the human genome. This means there are many different combinations possible to make many different varieties of wheat. Some farmers need wheat that is resistant to leaf or stem rust, while others need wheat with acid soil tolerance. Wheat is also rated on size, weight, milling quality, baking quality and dozens of other characteristics.

The partnership between Monsanto and K-State was carefully developed to allow K-State to collaborate with other universities on wheat research and

public universities is complicated,

but it can be boiled down to one

word: money. As universities lose

state and federal funding, they look

have proposed to cut between \$25

million and \$30 million in funding

to higher education in an attempt

to help bring state spending under

control, according to a March 19 article by Brad Cooper of the

Kansas City Star. State funding for

higher education in Kansas has

dropped from \$829.1 million in

2008 to \$763.4 million this year —

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April 18 article by the Kansas City

The Kansas House and Senate

to other sources of cash.

share findings. For example, Colorado State University developed a variety of wheat called Denali, which has very good drought tolerance. This makes it more suitable to grow in arid areas of western Kansas than in most areas of Colorado. Subsequently, K-State and Colorado State co-released Denali wheat to market it to wheat producers in areas that can most benefit from it.

DNA fingerprinting, seed chipping technology cut down production time

Monsanto owns a method of extracting DNA from plant seeds called "seed chipping." Essentially, a tiny chip is removed from the seed and is used for DNA fingerprinting. In the past, fingerprinting, which does not genetically modify the seed in any way, required that the entire seed

Business Journal reported that the latest proposed reduction in funding would result in a \$6.7 million cut to K-State's budget.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has also steadily been reducing funding for research at universities. According to a June 7, 2012 article by Alan Scher Zagier of MPR News, less than 15 percent of funding for agricultural research at land-grant institutions came from the Department of Agriculture an all-time low.

Universities across the country face similar issues of budget cuts and reduced funding for research. Increasingly, universities are

be destroyed, or that the plant be grown first. Chipping leaves the seed mostly intact and viable, which means it can be checked for desired traits first. This helps speed up the process of crossing two varieties of wheat for a new and improved variety.

Crossing two plants with desired traits does not guarantee that the desired traits will be passed on to the next generation of plants, just as brothers and sisters in a single family can inherit different traits from the same parents. It all depends on which combination of genes gets passed on in what way. Seed chipping and DNA fingerprinting technology allows K-State researchers to cut down the amount of time necessary to produce a new variety of wheat with the traits desired by specific wheat producers.

forced to find other ways to make up the difference, whether by raising tuition or by turning to the private sector for assistance.

In 2010, private donations from corporations made up nearly one-quarter of the money used for agricultural research in land-grant institutions, according to the environmental group Food and Water Watch. In 2012, Food and Water Watch released a report entitled "Public Research, Private Gain," which suggests that corporate funding threatens academic freedom and influences the research

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# **Campus** groups address sex crimes

Maria Betzold staff writer

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, but many K-State faculty members and students work every day to help prevent rape and support rape survivors.

In 2012, the Riley County Police Department reported 32 sexual assault cases prosecuted in Manhattan — 31 committed and 1 attempted. RCPD also reported 11 sexual battery cases

"Friends and family of rape victims should remember how important it is to take the victims' stories seriously."

> **Donna Potts** professor of English

prosecuted. In 2011, the K-State Police Department reported 12 sexual, forcible crimes committed and prosecuted. 2012 reports are unavailable at this

Donna Potts, professor of English, said she thinks sexual assault awareness should begin with relations with the victims. The majority of rapes are acquaintance rapes where the victim knows the violator, Potts

"The trauma of rape continues for years after the rape has been committed," Potts said. "Friends and family of rape victims should remember how important it is to take the victims'

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### Earth Day unites local companies, activists

Jakki Thompson staff writer

Every April 22, there is a day to celebrate where we all live — Earth. Yesterday was this year's Earth Day, and K-State students and faculty worked to ensure the entire K-State community was aware of it.

This year, Students for Environmental Action teamed up with many Manhattan-based organizations and companies to promote Earth Day 2013.

"Students for Environmental Action has a lot of local connections with community organizations," said James Coover, vice president of Students for Environmental Action and graduate student in agronomy. "We asked the people we knew to be a part of this event. We also looked around Manhattan to try to continue to make new contacts with businesses and organizations. There are many sustainability marketplaces in Manhattan and surrounding areas."

For this year's Earth Day, SEA set up tables in the West Ballroom of the K-State Student Union with information from many local companies, nonprofits and other organizations.

The Pathfinder, a local business, offered free bike safety checks and minor repairs and promoted bicycling as an effective and environmentally friendly mode of transportation.



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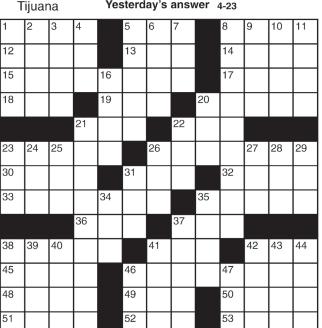
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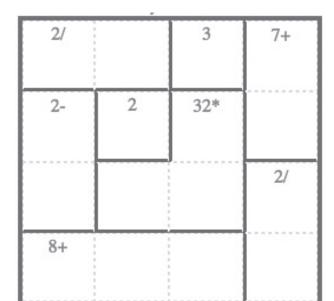
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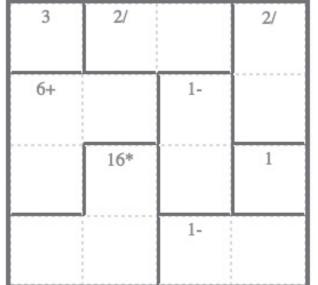
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# Rodriguez loss leaves large hole in Wildcats' roster



Coming off of one of the best seasons in school history, the future of the K-State basketball team looked very promising. Despite losing seniors Rodney McGruder, Jordan Henriquez and Martavious Irving, the Wildcats appeared to have a solid core of players coming back in Bruce Weber's second season.

However, that appearance was

it was announced that sophomore point guard Angel Rodriguez had decided to transfer from K-State to a university closer to home.

Rodriguez ranked second this season in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.24 and ranked third in assists with 5.2 per game. He also averaged 11.4 points per game, ranking second behind Rodney McGruder's 15.6, and was named to the All-American second team in the Big 12 confer-

Make no doubt about it, this is a very big loss for the K-State men's basketball team. Losing Rodriguez means that the Wildcats will bring back no player who averaged more than nine points a game during the season, leaving junior forward

scorer at 8.4 points per game.

K-State is not just losing Rodriguez's numbers, however. The team is also losing his leadership and presence on the court.

As point guard, it was Rodriguez's responsibility to be the "quarterback" of the offense, making sure that all of his teammates were in the right place. He was also the player that the team looked to for the fiery attitude and never-back-down mentality that he showed in pivotal games like the Big 12 semifinals.

Going up against the Oklahoma State Cowboys, Rodriguez went toe-to-toe with Big 12 player and freshman of the year Marcus Smart. In that game, Smart had 18 points, three assists and three steals, while

Rodriguez had 17 points, four assists and three steals.

While Rodriguez will be missed, the cupboard is not completely

bare for the K-State men's basketball program. With Southwell coming back for

the Wildcats, K-State does have a player who has proved capable of having an all-Big 12-caliber season. In addition, junior guard Will Spradling and sophomore forward Thomas Gipson are two Wildcats who have started at least 36 games in their careers. However, the loss will put added

pressure on incoming freshmen like Marcus Foster and Jevon Thomas, especially became Thomas is the

only true point guard on the team. Spradling saw some time at the point throughout his first three years as a Wildcat, but is much better when he is able to play off of the ball.

The biggest question that fans will ask throughout the off-season and at the start of the next basketball season will be whether Spradling, Foster and Thomas step up and take the reins of the K-State basketball

Although he was only at K-State for two seasons, Rodriguez was a standout player in the Wildcat uniform. Many players will have to take their games to another level for the Wildcats to compete in the Big 12 next season.

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### **FOOTBALL**

### Only two Wildcats appear to be solid NFL Draft picks; Klein questionable

staff writer

It is rare for a team that won 11 games in a major conference to see only two of its players selected in the upcoming NFL Draft. Yet after a historic year in K-State football, Arthur Brown and Chris Harper appear to be the only members of the squad who are likely to be drafted. This does not mean, however, that they will be the only players who make an NFL roster come

Both players have a similar history. Both are Wichita natives who were highly touted coming out of high school. One went to the East Coast and one went to the West, and both ended up at K-State. Both made big plays when their team needed it, and both got the chance to play against their original school of

For both of these players, numbers and accolades do not tell the complete story of what each individual did during their time as a K-State Wildcat.

Arthur Brown Jr. was the general of the defense. His speed, strength and knowledge of the game made him a nightmare



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Graduating K-State quarterback **Collin Klein** says he would like to be drafted as a quarterback in this year's NFL Draft, which begins Thursday, but scouts appear doubtful that he can adapt to the NFL.

for offenses. Going into the offseason, he was unable to participate at the NFL Combine because of a shoulder injury. This appeared to hurt Brown's draft stock until he impressed scouts in K-State's pro day, reminding them of exactly how dominating a player he can be.

Brown is projected to go anywhere between the middle of the first two rounds. If Brown were selected in the first round, he would become just the third K-Stater to be drafted in the first round in the last 10 years.

Chris Harper was at a bit of a disadvantage during his time at K-State. In the Wildcats' running style of offense, Harper was frequently asked to serve as a blocker and make big catches in crucial situations. He mastered everything he was asked to do. Harper could have easily been a 1,000-yard and 10-touchdown receiver in a pass-happy offense, but that was not what K-State had.

With a draft that is loaded with wide receiver talent, Harper is projected as a mid-round draft pick. Whichever team snags Harper in the third or fourth round will be getting an absolute steal. Harper is the total package and could be playing in the NFL for a long time, much like Brown.

After Brown and Harper, the question is whether any other Wildcats could be drafted, mainly former K-State quarterback and Heisman Trophy fi-

What Klein still has going for him is his frame of work and NFL body. Klein proved time and time again that he was a big-time player and had the heart that few in college football could match. Scouts still question Klein's mechanics and ability to adapt to the NFL-style of playing quarterback. Even if Klein does not get drafted, he will still likely get looks by NFL teams with the read-option becoming more popular in the

Braden Wilson is another player who is on the border of a draft pick and free agent signee. The only knock against Wilson is that the fullback position is becoming extinct. Five years ago, there would've been no question that Wilson would be drafted, but now teams know that they can get a good fullback like Wilson without having to use a draft pick.

Other members of the 2012 senior class who could make NFL rosters are Meshak Williams, Nigel Malone, Jarard Milo and Justin Tuggle. However, there is no question that any one of the senior starters from 2012 are capable of impressing



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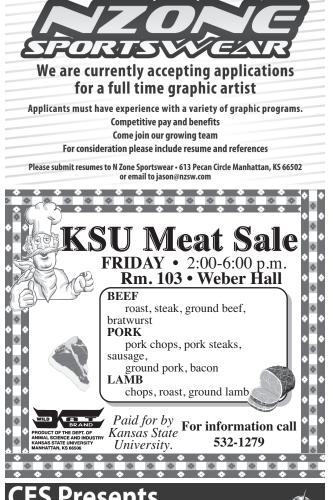
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# Affirmative action makes up for opportunities lost to minorities



I think we can all agree that people deserve a chance to succeed. Regardless of race, gender, religion, national origin or any other distinction, a person should be able to sink or swim on the basis of their own ability and not be denied opportunities solely on the basis of those aforementioned characteristics. There are many suggestions about how to go about making that ideal a reality, and the most prominent one we've seen in this country has been affirmative action.

The practice, which primarily seeks to prevent employers from hiring based on race and gender, has seen some controversy over the years with allegations of "reverse discrimination." The claim is that implementing affirmative action predisposes decisions in favor of one group to the exclusion of others regardless of qualification. For instance, if a firm begins hiring employees of a certain ethnicity to the exclusion of others in order to qualify for some incentive, it is just another form of discrimination.

Such discriminatory practices have happened before, though it should be noted that this is not affirmative action. By definition, affirmative action does not favor one race over another. Instead, it seeks to take race out of the equation. Implementation of affirma-

tive action in the United States has yet to reach that ideal since the law still allows these factors to influence decisions in regards to hiring and school acceptance, though in a very narrow

In 2003, the Supreme Court case Grutter v. Bollinger upheld the University of Michigan Law School's admittance policy, which allowed for race and ethnicity to be taken into consideration, as constitutional.

One reason the court upheld the policy was because the school considered each applicant on a case-by-case, subjective basis, so that applications were accepted or denied in isolation. In addition, the school's stated goal of student diversity was deemed "compelling" enough to merit consideration because of the end result it sought. In this way, the court decided that consideration of race was permissible, as long as it was one factor among many, rather than the only factor that mattered.

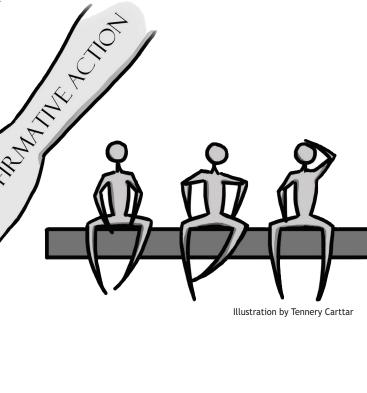
It's an important distinction, because while it doesn't discourage the majority, it does encourage the minority, which is something that needs to be done. Some might disagree, but in many cases discrimination is cyclical. A minority individual who is denied opportunities will become progressively less qualified to take advantage of such opportunities and will ultimately

be unable to fulfill his or her potential. Race relations in the U.S. are a case in point. Minorities with a history of discrimination and even outright oppression are notably less well-off. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median income of black families was less than two-thirds that of the median of all U.S.

It is for this reason that affirmative action is necessary. In the past, discriminated minorities have been denied opportunities necessary for proper growth. Even though those opportunities are available to them now, they are at a disadvantage because they have to make up for lost time.

In the end, this can and will balance itself out. As more opportunities become available, those who have been denied in the past will be increasingly better positioned to take advantage of them. In order to establish this happy medium and to make sure opportunities are not being unjustly withheld, affirmative action is necessary.

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### Policy prevents majority fair access to equal opportunities, treatment





Affirmative action is an affront to our American values. Opportunity, hard work and ambition are under siege when affirmative action is allowed. The policy of affirmative action, according to the American Civil Liberties Union, is for "redressing the injustices caused by our nation's historic discrimination against people of color and women" and "leveling what has long been an uneven playing field.

When shall I be forgiven for the sins of my great grandfather? It is time that we stepped into the 21st century and allowed the past to pass. We should come together as a society, stop fighting over our race and embrace what we have in common with one another.

Affirmative action does not create diversity in the workforce or in education. The problem is that the idea of diversity is flawed. How would you define diversity? Does it have a Jewish nose? Does it speak a different language? Race does mean diversity, especially when admissions applications require students to check a box.

There are subcultures within

American society that have a high correspondence to race, but that does not mean that every minority is a member of that culture. To say so would stereotype them. People are more aptly labeled based on where they were raised, their economic status or their like of Justin Bieber rather than their race. How then, I ask you, could affirmative action ever impact diversity?

I lived in a country where, as a Caucasian, I was a minority. However, I will never receive any benefits for the diversity and knowledge I bring to the workplace because of affirmative action. A friend of mine told me that he doesn't believe in affirmative action, nor do his parents, because he doesn't want to receive something just for being Hispanic.

Affirmative action gives preference to those who would otherwise not have been admitted or hired. Only minorities who outperform their majority counterparts should receive their spot — earned because of their performance.

The U.S. Supreme Court should rule against affirmative action in the upcoming months. This last fall they heard the case Fisher vs. University of Texas, in which a white student who was not admitted sued the university for considering race in its admissions process. The process at UT allows the top 10 percent of students at each high school in Texas automatic admission into the school. The rest of the

incoming class is then selected based on consideration of a number of factors, including skills, community service and

race.

In Texas, many school districts and zones are separated into areas that correspond with race, already creating diversity in the 10 percent. Many are expecting to hear a decision against affirmative action soon, although an April 2012 New York Times article by Richard Pérez-Peña claims that colleges have a number of strategies to get around such a ruling.

K-State itself pays money to access and be featured on a database strictly for the purpose of hiring more minority faculty members. While I do not fault the university for the stigma that has labeled Kansas an undesirable place to live, that does not mean that we should pay to search for minority candidates.

K-State is a great place to work, and for the sake of students and alumni, we should consider the most qualified candidates, not those who need to be looked at with consideration given to their race.

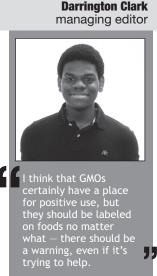
Affirmative action is unable to create diversity. It dampens opportunities for those who are driven and continues to create differences between races. It is time we put it behind us and treat everyone equally.

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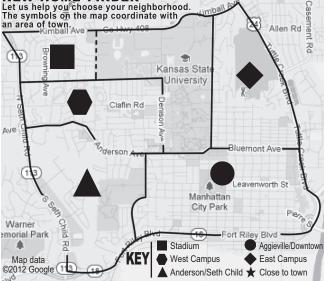
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# First ever Miss K-State pageant to be held today

Connor Hunt contributing writer

Today at 8 p.m., the Delta Upsilon fraternity and the Union Program Council will host the first ever Miss K-State Competition in the K-State Student Union Ball-

In all, 17 women from different organizations on campus are competing in the event. In order to participate, contestants had to represent an organization, have a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher and fill out an application. Members of DU reviewed the applications and contacted the contestants to inform them of their acceptance.

Tickets are being sold for \$3 and can be purchased from any DU member or at the door. All proceeds will go to DU's philanthropy, Global Service Initiative, which sponsors fraternity members to volunteer and work on service projects in developing nations around the world and throughout the US

The first round of the Miss K-State Competition is the Wildcat round, in which each contestant will represent her organization and show off her Wildcat creativity. Contestants will be judged on confidence, poise and speaking ability along with overall creativity and demonstrated pride for K-State.

The second round is the talent round. Judging for this portion will be based on passion, showmanship, audience engagement, and the overall excellence of the contestants' talents. Based on their scores in the first two rounds, the number of contestants will be cut down to eight.

In the third round, the personality round, contestants will get the chance to express their interests, hobbies and overall personality using as much creativity as possible. This round will be judged on creativity, originality, presentation and poise

The final round is the question round. Each contestant will pick a question related to K-State out of a bowl. Questions will be selected from Twitter. Contestants will be judged on intelligence, eloquence, confidence and the content of their answers

Hillary Shafer, Miss K-State contestant representing Alpha Xi Delta and junior in hotel and restaurant management, said she's "most excited for the personality round so people can see a side of [her] they may not know."

The event will have three judges: Blair Kocher, K-State admissions representative; Audrey Taggart, assistant director of marketing and public relations for the Union; and Lindsay Hoover, former Miss Kansas runner-up. A surprise guest will be crowning Miss K-State 2013. Awards will also include first, second and third runner-up and best talent, among others.

The first 200 people in attendance will receive a free Red Bull, and one person will receive two tickets to Country Stampede this summer. The audience will also have the chance to name one of the contestants "crowd favorita"

During the event each contestant will have a bucket with her name on it into which audience members will be able to put money. At the end of the event, whichever contestant's bucket has the most money will be awarded the title of ground forward.

Russell Harp, external philanthropy chair for DU and junior in entrepreneurship, said he is "most excited to see the first ever Miss K-State be crowned after watching the 17 extremely talented ladies perform and represent their organizations with excellence."

Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

# **CRIMES** | Student: Nonviolence in daily life can change rape culture

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stories seriously."

Mary Todd, director of the K-State Women's Center, said she helps provide assistance to all students who are dealing with traumatic experiences. Through the Women's Center, students can seek a professional opinion about what to do in a sexual assault situation.

On a preventative level, the Women's Center gives multiple presentations on campus and in the Manhattan community to educate students and citizens about the legality of consent for sexual activity.

The Women's Center also sponsors the student organization Wildcats Against Rape, also known as W.A.R. The group helps educate fellow students about sexual assault.

According to the K-State Women's Center website, sexual assault affects men in three ways: through the pain their loved ones endure, as victims themselves, and as members of a culture that allows such violence to occur. The "About Us" page states that 2 in 10 men will be exploited sexually in their lifetime.

Earlier this month, K-State hosted an event called Take Back the Night to raise awareness of sexual assault and to support survivors. According to the Take Back the Night Foundation, strives to end domestic violence and sexual assault in all of its forms. According to their website they "serve to create safe communities and respectful re-

lationships through awareness events and initiatives." Universities and women's centers around the country have sponsored similar events.

Todd spoke at the event and said she was glad that so many organizations, like K-State's Delta chapter of Gamma Rho Lambda, the LGBT Resource Center, the women's studies department and K-State Counseling Services, put together the annual Take Back the Night event.

"We admire the students from many clubs

"We admire the students from many clubs who work every year to put this event on," she said.

Kaitlyn Dechant, senior in psychology, works to integrate nonviolence into her life and at K-State. She has directed several programs to educate students about sexual assault and rape within the K-State community.

"If everyone were to practice living in nonviolent ways, they would contribute to changing the culture, even if it is just here on campus," Dechant said.

The K-State Police Department also provides a service called "Wildcat Walk," which students can use to make sure that they do not walk alone at night while on campus by calling 395-SAFE (7233). An escort will accompany the concerned student to any location on campus and up to two blocks off campus.

"I think that K-State works the best that it can to prevent and bring awareness to sexual assault," Dechant said.

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### WHEAT | 5-year partnership in 3rd year

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conducted in land-grant universities across the U.S., which can cause a conflict of interest. One of the large corporate sponsors that donated significant amounts of money to these universities is Monsanto.

K-State has ties to Monsanto, but the university is not mentioned in the study. The reason, according to Pierzynski, is likely because the partnership between the two has been left open and flexible.

"We purposely avoided this conflict," Pierzynski said.

K-State's research into wheat varieties is not influenced by Monsanto, and the university is allowed to trade research and genetic materials freely with other universities for the purpose of research.

Allan Fritz, professor of agronomy, also said that he believes there is no conflict in K-State's research resulting from the university's collaboration with Monsanto. K-State was very clear about retaining the freedom to share and work with other companies and colleagues, Fritz said.

"Those interactions are important, and we need to maintain those relationships," he said.

Fritz also said it is important to note that there is no GMO wheat produced in the U.S., and that the wheat varieties produced by K-State are grown using traditional breeding methods. The DNA fingerprinting technology provided by Mon-

santo merely allows researchers to find the traits desired in wheat more quickly, cutting down the time it takes to produce a new variety of wheat from approximately 10 to 12 years to about seven, according to Pierzynski.

Part of the agreement was that K-State researchers could not directly market the wheat varieties they produced to the public; instead, they have to go through a third party. The Kansas Wheat Alliance, a nonprofit organi-

> "In a five-year agreement [with Monsanto], we haven't fully realized the possibilities."

Gary Pierzynski professor and head of the department of agronomy

zation, commercializes wheat varieties produced by K-State researchers for farmers to grow and, in turn, uses the royalty fees collected from wheat producers to fund more research at K-State.

KWA was formed as a collaboration between K-State Research and Extension, the K-State University Research Foundation and the Kansas Wheat Foundation, among others.

According to Daryl Strouts, president of the KWA, K-State currently has eight varieties of wheat being sold to wheat producers across several states. The most popular variety, Everest, is

the No. 1 variety in the state of Kansas. It represents about 14 percent, or 9 million acres, of all the wheat produced in the state.

"It's competitive out there. A lot of companies are putting out wheat varieties," Strouts said.

About 80 percent of the money KWA receives from the royalties goes back to K-State researchers. Their goal is to get to 90 percent. Last year, KWA gave about \$425,000 to K-State for research. In a few months, Strouts said, the KWA will cut a check for just over half a million dollars. So far, much of the money has been spent on new equipment — something that had been neglected for many years because of state budget cuts, he said.

The five-year agreement between K-State and Monsanto is currently in its third year. When the contract is up, Pierzynski expects there to be an evaluation and more talks to see if Monsanto wants to continue the collaboration with K-State wheat researchers. Even with the accelerated process of production, it would still take about two more years for the partnership to produce a new variety of wheat, Pierzynski said.

"In a five-year agreement, we haven't fully realized the possibilities" Piorzypeki said

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Strouts said he wants public institutions to maintain strong, viable wheat breeding programs. He does not want wheat breeding to be taken over by private companies the way other crops, such as corn and soybeans, have.

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# Who is Molly Mann?

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